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HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals for setting up of hydro power projects are pending with the Union Government for clearance for a long period;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay State-wise;

(c) the details of the projects that have been cleared by the Union Government during the current financial year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to invite private sector for setting up of the power projects in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : At present, 9 Hydroelectric Schemes with an aggregate installed capacity of 4,477 MW, which have been accorded concurrence by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), are awaiting investment approval by the Government of India.

(b) : The detailed status of the Hydroelectric Projects in the Central Sector, cleared by CEA and pending investment approval are given State-wise in Annexure-I.

(c) : During the current financial year the investment approval has been accorded for 3 Hydroelectric Projects in the Central Sector aggregating to an installed capacity of 1,089 MW. The details of these schemes are given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) : The Government has permitted development of power by the private sector since 1991. The hydro policy announced by the Government in August, 1998 encourages greater participation by private sector. The generation of Power has been de-licensed under Electricity Act, 2003 and the private sector is already participating in development of power in the country.

Recently, Ministry of Power has launched an initiative for development of the 7 Ultra Mega Coal Based Projects of about 4,000 MW capacity each under tariff based competitive bidding through Shell Companies. Both the Public Sector and Private Sector Companies can participate in the bidding.